

**Wayland Free Public Library  
Board of Library Trustees  
Meeting Minutes of April 4, 2018  
Raytheon Room, Wayland Free Public Library, 8:00 a.m.**

**Present:** Aida Gennis, Sally Cartwright, Suzanne Woodruff, Leah Hart, Maureen White, Mark Hughes. Library Director Sandy Raymond. New Trustee, Judy Dion, arrived at 8:45 a.m.

**Public Comment:** None

**No meeting minutes** were available for review.

**Annual Town Meeting Article 17:** The Trustees expressed their deep disappointment in the outcome of the vote on the proposed new library. Article 17 needed a 2/3rd majority vote in favor to allow funding for the project and to accept the \$10.1 million dollar library construction grant from the state. The Annual Town Meeting vote on April 3rd was 760 in favor; 479 opposed. 61.3% of those able to vote were in favor of the project, just shy of the 66.7% needed.

Ms. Gennis gave broad thanks for all who worked tirelessly, honestly, and honorably in an open, public process to put forth the new library proposal. Trustees can be proud of the process, the work, the planning and the overwhelming engagement of the community for the project.

Trustees gave special thanks to Ms. Gennis for her unflagging energy and perseverance throughout the entire process and for her ability to marshal an army of volunteers.

Trustees discussed with dismay the chaos that surrounded the vote on Town Meeting floor. A second vote was taken after questions arose on the validity of the electronic voting devices and the counts on the first vote. The moderator assured the attendees that the outcome was the same in both votes, but there was considerable confusion surrounding the process.

Trustees briefly discussed what action would be needed to reconsider the article. New information, which existed but not been disclosed or made available at the time of the initial vote, would be needed for the moderator to allow a vote to reconsider. A decision from the Attorney General on the petition to probate court would be new information but a vote to reconsider also needs a 2/3rds majority to pass, a hurdle very unlikely to be achieved the last night of town meeting.

Trustees are very disappointed in the outcome of the vote believing the town has lost a tremendously beneficial opportunity to provide the level of library services for today and for the future the town wants, needs, and deserves. Ms. White and Ms. Dion reminded all that we still have a library and we will move forward positively.

Ms. Raymond spoke of the need for some time to process the loss and suggested no decisions on the future of library services and the building be made immediately. Ms. Gennis suggested a facilitated retreat type brainstorming session might be useful for setting a path for the future of library services in Wayland. Ms. Gennis would also like a conversation with members of the Library Planning Committee. Trustees were in agreement but suggested a little time elapse before these conversations occur.

The artist's rendering posters of the proposed project will remain on display in the Library with a note of "Thanks for your support" attached. Ms. Gennis will write a general letter of thanks for publication in the local media.

Trustees will consider a spring music program to celebrate the library and thank all of the many library supporters. Assistant Director, Andy Moore, has some ideas for performers.

Article 18 which proposed appointing an unknown committee to spend \$175,000 to study the property and building at 5 Concord Road, which required only a majority vote to pass, failed by a vote of 261 - 563.

**Monthly Reports:** Will be reviewed at a future meeting.

**Director's Report:** Ms Raymond offered no formal report for this meeting but she did request permission to purchase four new chairs to be used with an existing small table to make another small seating/study space on the west mezzanine. Ms. White moved to allow Director Raymond to use State Aid to purchase four new chairs for improved use of space on the mezzanine. Mr. Hughes seconded the motion. Vote in favor: 6 - 0.

**Communications with Other Boards, Committees, and Public:** Ms. Gennis stated it is no longer necessary to pursue the memorandum of understanding with the Board of Public Works for temporary use of the land at 195 Main Street. Without the new library project, jurisdiction of the property remains with the BoPW.

**Trustees Reports and Concerns:** Ms. Gennis would like to discuss how to proceed, or not, with the Capital Campaign Consultant.

Ms. Cartwright reminded Trustees that Director Raymond's 6 month probationary period will be up on April 25th. Ms. Cartwright will complete the proper paperwork to end the probation period for the town's Human Resources Department. Trustees unanimously felt Ms. Raymond's job performance has been more than satisfactory over the past 6 months, which is all the assessment the form requires. A full evaluation will be completed, with Ms. Raymond's input, at her one year salary anniversary in June.

Ms. Gennis reviewed the schedule for future meetings.

Mr. Hughes noted it was Ms. Woodruff's last meeting as a Trustee. He spoke for all to express strong appreciation and thanks for Ms. Woodruff's commitment to the Library and her willingness to work hard behind the scenes. Ms. Woodruff said she will continue to be committed to the Library and will be happy to continue to help as a volunteer.

**Adjourn:** 10:00 a.m.

**Documents for this Meeting:** Agenda for Meeting of April 4, 2018  
March 2018 Circulation Statistics FY18

**Next Meetings:** Wednesday, April 25, 2018, 8:00 a.m. WFPL  
Wednesday, May 9, 2018, 8:00 a.m. WFPL  
Wednesday, May 23, 2018, 8:00 a.m. WFPL  
Wednesday, June 6, 2018, 8:00 a.m. WFPL  
Wednesday, June 20, 2018, 8:00 a.m. WFPL

Respectfully submitted by Sally Cartwright